

OPINION 1848

Cubaris murina Brandt, 1833 (Crustacea, Isopoda): generic and specific names conserved

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed:
 - (a) the generic name *Cubaris* Billberg, 1820, and all uses of the name *Cubaris* prior to the publication of *Cubaris* Brandt, 1833, for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy;
 - (b) the following specific names for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
 - (i) *galbineus* Eschscholtz, 1823, as published in the binomen *Armadillo galbineus*;
 - (ii) *brunnea* Brandt, 1833, as published in the binomen *Cubaris brunnea*.
- (2) The name *Cubaris* Brandt, 1833 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Budde-Lund (1909) *Cubaris murina* Brandt, 1833, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *murina* Brandt, 1833, as published in the binomen *Cubaris murina* (specific name of the type species of *Cubaris* Brandt, 1833), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name CUBARIDAE Brandt, 1833 (type genus *Cubaris* Brandt, 1833) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.
- (5) The name *Cubaris* Billberg, 1820 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology, as suppressed in (1)(a) above.
- (6) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *galbineus* Eschscholtz, 1823, as published in the binomen *Armadillo galbineus* and as suppressed in (1)(b)(i) above;
 - (b) *brunnea* Brandt, 1833, as published in the binomen *Cubaris brunnea* and as suppressed in (1)(b)(ii) above.

History of Case 2910

An application for the conservation of the generic and specific names of *Cubaris murina* Brandt, 1833 was received from Dr Pekka T. Lehtinen (*Zoological Museum, University of Turku, Turku, Finland*) and Drs Stefano Taiti and Franco Ferrara (*Centro di studio per la faunistica ed ecologia tropicali, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Firenze, Italy*) on 1 November 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 153–156 (June 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from two members of the Nomenclature Committee of The Crustacea Society were received during the voting period. Dr A.B. Williams (*NOAA/NMFS Systematics Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) noted: 'The application is directed towards conservation of names in current use and suppression of either threatening or forgotten names that are no longer

represented by original material. In my opinion this is a worthy proposal'. Dr Gary C.B. Poore (*Museum of Victoria, Abbotsford, Victoria, Australia*) commented: 'Of all the groups of isopod Crustacea the terrestrial Oniscidea present the greatest nomenclatural confusion. *Cubaris* Brandt, 1833 is a generic name that is widely used and understood by isopod taxonomists and ecologists. I support the proposal to conserve the name (and that of *Cubaris murina*) from the threat of the dubious senior homonym *Cubaris* Billberg, 1820'.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 154–155. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

Dupuis abstained.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

brunnea, *Cubaris*, Brandt, 1833, *Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*, 6: 190.

CUBARIDAE Brandt, 1833, *Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*, 6: 189.

Cubaris Billberg, 1820, *Enumeratio Insectorum in Museo Gust. Joh. Billberg*, p. 137.

Cubaris Brandt, 1833, *Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*, 6: 189.

galbineus, *Armadillo*, Eschscholtz, 1823, *Mémoires de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*, 6: 112.

murina, *Cubaris*, Brandt, 1833, *Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*, 6: 190.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Cubaris murina* Brandt, 1833 as the type species of the nominal genus *Cubaris* Brandt, 1833:

Budde-Lund, G. 1909. *Denkschriften der Medicinisch-Naturwissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft zu Jena*, 14(1): 54.